might be transferred to Varkala and be invested with magisterial powers, or in the alternative, the Attingal Munsiff might be invested with magisterial powers and the present magistrate's court at Attingal shifted to Varkala.

In conclusion, an anchal office, either departmental or non-departmental, should be established at Pallickal.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raghavan Pillai, you know the subject of the conversion of Pallikal-Velinallur road into a cart road came up before the 22nd session of the Assembly when I advised the Chirayinkil representative not to abandon hope. The Chief Engineer has since then gone into the question and an estimate has been prepared and he has promised to send it up shortly to Government. The conversion of Gnekad-Puvankal road into a cart road is also under consideration. The estimate is about Rs. 7,000 including land acquisition. There is no doubt that the road, if opened—it is only a matter of four miles—will open up a rich and fertile country. Therefore the question of its construction merits consideration. Then you speak of the conversion of the Aiyrur-Venkulam road into a cart road. The Chief Engineer after examining the position says that there is already a road connection for Aiyrur and Nadayara and thence on to Venkulam. In that case the road you ask for is not an urgent necessity.

The member then represented that since the people were prohibited from crossing the river in ferries by the canal officer, they had to go about 11 miles by a circuitous route.

DEWAN: As for the assumption of the Vadasserikonam-Moongottu road the Chief Engineer will take the question up. The new roads that you want had better go before the Road Board. They are Varkala Paripalli road and Edava-Kappil road.

I will refer the subject of a Magistrate's Court at Varkala to the District Magistrate to see whether the state of affairs there is such as will justify the creation of a magistracy on the spot. I will refer the matter specially to the District Magistrate. I think it had a Magistrate's Court in 1097.

The question of the Anchal Office too, I will ask the Anchal Superintendent to take up.

77. Needs of Neduvankad.

MR. KANAKKU PARAMESVARAN PILLAI KESAVA PILLAI (*Member, Neduvankad taluk*) said that as the Public Works Department was over-burdened with work the charge of minor irrigation works should be entrusted to the Department of Agriculture. Committees should also be appointed in each taluk to prepare lists of the irrigation tanks in the taluk and to look after their improvement. Special funds should be allotted in each year's budget for this work. Where the tanks were reclaimed or converted by private owners, the trees planted should be removed and the tanks should be restored to their old condition.

A new bridge should be constructed to the east of the Aneekadavu. There was a wooden bridge at this place some time back but it broke down in a flood. The bridge should be reconstructed.

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The Aryanadu-Kattakada road should be improved.

The road from Pothancode to the 16th mile of the M. C. road should be made cartable. For want of a cartable road people had to take a very circuitous route from Pothancode to the Venjarummudu market.

The Vamanapuram-Bharatannur road should be improved as also the road from Vattappara to Pothancode *via* Kuttiani.

The road from Venjarummudu to Neduvankad should be gravelled.

Lands fit for paddy cultivation lying in reserve forests should be thrown open for cultivation.

New grazing grounds should be provided for pasturing cattle. Some of the existing grazing grounds had fallen under private occupation. To evict the occupants and remove their improvements would be very hard.

Royalties on trees standing on private lands should be abolished and the trees should be treated as the property of the land-owners.

The Department of Agriculture was not doing any work in Neduvankad. The Director should be instructed to give due encouragement to agriculture in the taluk. A manure depot and a veterinary hospital should be established at Neduvankad. A demonstration farm should also be opened in the taluk.

The Uzhamalakal pakuthi should be removed to the jurisdiction of the Neduvankad Sub-registry office.

A Police out-post should be established at Bharatannur or Kallara.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kesava Pillai, the Government have at the moment under consideration special provision of a machinery for the improvement of minor irrigation which is receiving attention and will receive more attention from year to year.

In regard to the bridge you want at Aneekadavu, the Chief Engineer has before him proposals to construct a bridge at Kanathodu which will meet the requirements of the people when completed.

The Chief Engineer is strongly of opinion that the road from Aryanad to Kattakada *via* Paruthipalli requires to be metalled as the traffic is heavy and he is sending up an estimate for improving and metalling the road. Then you want the road from Vamanapuram to Bharathannur to be improved. This came up in a former session of the Assembly. Here too, the Chief Engineer considers that it is a useful work and he is sending up an estimate for improving and metalling the road, which is really a cart road.

As regards the gravelling of the road from Venjarummudu to Neduvankad *via* Pullampara, the Chief Engineer here also says that the sanctioned maintenance grant is not sufficient to keep the road in proper order, and on his recommendation an estimate for Rs. 11,500 was sanctioned by Government last month for improving and metalling the first five miles of the road by re-appropriation this year, if possible. If not, provision will be made in the next year's budget.

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The Conservator says that it is not practicable to disafforest the lands that you mention.

The question of abolition of royalties on teak, blackwood etc., standing on private lands will be taken up and considered by Government upon the report of the committee that has been appointed. I think the committee recommended that these royalties should be abolished in 10 years from now. I expect Government will be passing orders on it before long. I will ask the Director of Agriculture to pay a visit to Neduvankad and I do not know whether it is going to be his first visit. Any way, he will go there. In regard to your request for a veterinary hospital, I do not think the demand is really sufficient to require a whole-time veterinary officer there. The matter has to be investigated by the Director. It is not possible to create demonstration farms in every taluk and where there is no demonstration farm, the Agricultural Department will give demonstrations on ryots' own lands. If any special attention can be given in this matter for Neduvankad's particular requirements, I shall ask the Director to give such special attention.

78. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

MR. NARAYANA PILLAI VISWANATHA PILLAI (*Member, Quilon taluk, Group I*) said that a definite proportion of the State revenue should be alloted for public works every year. Turning to the needs of the Quilon taluk, he dealt with the following subjects :—

1. (*a*) A bridge should be built at Kottayathukadavu. In reply to a representation on the same subject at the 24th Session of the Assembly, the member was told that the proposal was a very costly one and that hence it could not be taken up at once. But the work was a very urgent one and in view of the fact that Government were taking up other costly works elsewhere they should take up this work also at an early date.

(*b*) A sluice should be constructed to the north of the newly constructed culvert at the 6th mile, 1st furlong, Quilon-Alleppey road, and (*c*) another at a suitable site on the Ittikara river for the benefit of the paddy cultivators of Paravur.

(*d*) The road from Kavanat to Aravila Kadavu in Quilon West should be improved and maintained as also (*e*) the Perinad road, (*f*) the road from Anchalummudu to the Prakulam N. S. English High School, and (*g*) the Bhootakulam road at Paravur.

(*h*) A new road should be opened from Tangachery to the Neendakara Bar along the sea-coast and also (*i*) a road from the eastern junction of the Kalluvettunkalpara on the Quilon-Trivandrum road to Velinallur.

The following two lanes should be converted into cartable roads *viz* (*j*) the lane branching off from the Quilon-Trivandrum road by the side of the Kollurvila temple and converging at Eravipuram canal to the east of Messrs. Thomas Stephen & Co., and (*k*) the trace from Anchalummudu to Perumon.

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